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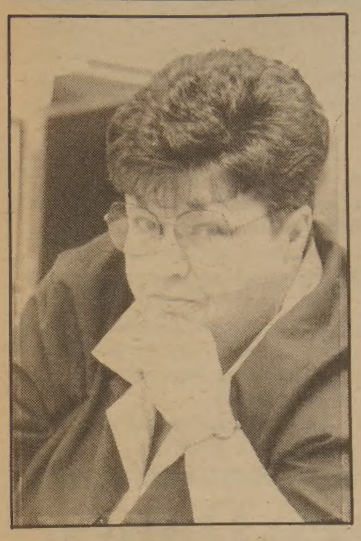

MEG ROSE

Latest contract offered

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Meg Rose, president of Niagara College's 178-member support staff union, local 243, said she hopes last night's vote on the latest contract offer will be a strong mandate to reject the offer. The result was not available at press time.

Ms. Rose said a rejection would "show them the support staff won't roll over and play dead this time."

Wage increase is the focus of negotiations between the support staff, who include cafeteria, cleaning, clerical, child-care and maintenance workers and Ontario's Council of Regents, who govern the 23 community colleges. The latest offer remains at 2.7 per cent.

"A vote to reject the offer does not signal our willingness or desire to strike," Ms. Rose said, explaining the union " just wants them (management) to come back to the (bargaining) table."

Negotiations bogged down at the end of August when an initial wage increase proposal of five per cent was taken back. Richard Johnston, head of the Council of Regents, and union spokesmen have accused the provincial government of meddling in the collective bargaining process. Premier Bob Rae has called for restraint from every sector of the economy to deal with the $10-billion deficit.

Ms. Rose said the latest money offer, combined with non-monetary contract items, "is simply not enough...it's not worth it."

Government cuts funding

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

Ontario Premier Bob Rae announced two weeks ago there would be no additional money from the provincial government for community colleges in the near future. Niagara College President John Saso is "extremely concerned and upset" about it.

However, Mr. Saso said, "We will not be stopped by this, we will find a way." He's confident Niagara College staff will look for creative and innovative ways to make things better.

"Everyone talks about change. I don't. I believe in continuous improvement. That's the goal I'm setting." He stressed that in order for the college to stay ahead of the game, it will never stop pushing forward.

"We can never rest on our laurels," said Mr. Saso. He said that the approach Niagara College is taking on the financial issue is different than other colleges in that Niagara will not cut programs or staff. Rather, it will expand in areas which afford improvements.

Asked about the provincial government's decision, Mr. Saso said, "My anger is directed at the federal government, not the provincial government. The federal government singled out Ontario (regarding this issue). I don't agree with the hundreds of thousands of people losing jobs, or with businesses going bankrupt. Canada needs the jobs, which create wealth which in turn creates more jobs."

He said the provincial government is taking away money with an attitude which says "Go talk to Mulroney", and, "that's not dealing with the issue squarely. They're not going to give us any money."

The great increase in enrolment this year may not recur next year, as the college simply won't be able to afford it, Mr. Saso said. He said Niagara College has a strong commitment to returning students, and a great responsibility to graduating those who have been students here.

He cited some positive aspects, which include increased enrolment this year, the new Ventures program and strong articulation agreements with other colleges. "We're looking for innovative ways to do things better."

Despite the financial crunch, Mr. Saso said plans to alleviate the deficit, which will approach $2-million by yearend, are still working. The main plan is to dedicate part of the revenue to reducing debt.

"I accept the fact that government revenues have dropped like a stone and I accept this tough time," said Mr. Saso. He added "Now we should think smartly about re-dedicating our resources."

Human relations students clean cars and each other at a recent car wash in St. Catharines to raise money for a politics trip.
Photo by Carolyn Mullin

Human relations students' fundraiser successful, students wash cars for cash

Despite chilly weather, eleven Niagara College human relations students raised $160 at a car wash on Sept. 28.

The organizers, second-year students Brenda Benner and Brian Nielson, thanked Glidden Paints and the Food Terminal, Bunting Road, St. Catharines, for sponsoring the car wash.

Students washed cars for $2 and served hot dogs and a pop for $1.50 outside the Glidden Paints building, Ontario Street, St. Catharines from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phil Biddle, Glidden Paints manager, and his assistant, Kay Rusk, were very helpful, students said, providing buckets, hoses and a barbecue for the hot dogs.

The money raised will be used for a trip to Ottawa, New York City or Washington D.C., for the students' politics class, said Ms. Benner. She added the traffic from the Garden City's annual Grape and Wine parade added to the fund-raiser's success.

College becoming more accessible

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

There is good news for physically disabled people who attend or will be attending Niagara College. All campuses will be made more accessible to physically disabled people.

The college is receiving tenders for work totaling $168,260 to be done in the next year. A total of $580,000 is budgetted in the next three years, through a Ministry of Colleges and Universities grant.

"The work that will eventually be done will cover all the buildings on all campuses," said Patrick J. Jamieson, director of physical resources.

"It certainly receives high priority," said Mr. Jamieson. "Niagara College's intention is to recognize the worth of every person and to provide equal rights and opportunity without discrimination at all campuses; particularly people with disabilities. These people shall be accommodated in a manner which respects dignity."

Architects for the work are MacDonald and Zuberec, of St. Catharines.

This fiscal year's work will concentrate on the Welland Campus.

In Hennepin Hall there will be approximately $17,000 in work done. Door controllers are doors that are accessible by automatic means or by a push button that will open the door. There will be some plumbing changes made to the washrooms and toilets in Hennepin Hall.

Mackenzie building will have two door controllers installed and renovations in washrooms at a cost of $12,000.

Black Walnut building will have door controllers installed, a ramp with hand rails made and changes to the washrooms. The cost will be about $16,500.

Merritt building will have the ramp modified to make it non skid. The cost will be about $9,000.

Tecumseh building will have door controllers installed as well as entrances made from the parking lot at a cost of $15,000.

Extensive work is planned for the library. There will be a stair lift, a new entrance, door controllers installed and hand rails added at the ramps. The cost will be about $60,000.

At the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls campuses there will be door controllers installed.

The work is scheduled to be finished before the end of March.

"There are guidelines issued by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, assessing the accommodation requiements for people with disabilities," said Mr. Jamieson. "So there are guidelines and we use them."

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Aids walk

Niagara region residents set precedent with $10,000 walk. See page 5.

China

Niagara College technology representatives travel to assist Chinese university. See page 10.

Student project

Three Niagara College departments merge to create cable television programs. See page 13.

Olympics

Law and security students enjoy their own Olympics. See page 15.

Mal Woodhouse means what he says

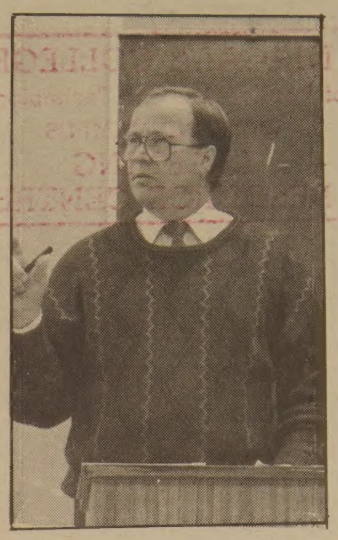
By LISA PRATT
Staff Writer

Mal Woodhouse, Niagara College's health and safety manager, voiced his views on politics in the media to first-year journalism students on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Mr. Woodhouse is chairman of the Niagara Regional Police Services Board. He has served as a regional council representative for Thorold for seven years. He is not running for council in December because he said "his heart is not in it." Mr. Woodhouse is on the Public Works Committee for the Niagara region.

He is a graduate of Niagara College in Labor Management Relations.

Mr. Woodhouse said he feels he has a good rapport with people and the media. When interviewed by a member of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC),



MAL WOODHOUSE

he was asked to act angry but said he wouldn't do it. Mr. Woodhouse is a man who says what he means and means what he says.

"Media people are very bright and have a good grasp on their jobs," Mr. Woodhouse said. Politics and the media are closely related. Politicians are there to serve the little people. The media's job is to take an incident and report it to the public on both sides of the issue. The reporter's job is to report the news, not create it.

"Often times politicians will muddy the water and it is up to the journalist to clear the smoke and get to the heart of the matter so he can present it to the reader," he said.

Another experience Mr. Woodhouse related with a reporter during a telephone interview. He said the reporter tried to twist his words around and generate her own story. That was the last time he spoke to that reporter.

Many students wanted to know why he wasn't seeking re-election. "I've been on the council for six years and I can't see myself running again and doing the same job for another three years," Mr. Woodhouse said. Asked if he could return to council in the future, he said, "I'm going to take the next three years off. After that, I haven't really given it much thought."

Niagara's great chefs start cooking

Treat your taste buds to a gourmet meal on one of five Monday evenings this fall and winter at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

The Great Chefs of Niagara Series featuring Mark Walpole of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Paul Albert of the Old Stone Inn, Gabe Fabi of Niagara Parks Commission and Niagara's own Stan West, will prepare a meal sure to please your palate.

Each night starts at 6 p.m. with a champagne reception and a chance to meet the chef and crew followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Dinner dates are Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Feb.10, March 16, and April 6.

Tickets are $25 per person (includes reception, dinner, tax, and gratuity) and may be purchased by contacting Berverly Williams at ext. 87-602.

Reservation deadline is 10 days prior to the evening.

Student wins governor's medal for highest grades

John T. Saso, president, Niagara College, presented William P. Coleman with the Governor General of Canada's Medal for the graduate with the highest grade average in the May 1991 graduating class of 1,600 students.

Mr. Coleman graduated from the two-year Retail Management Co-operative Studies program. He came to Niagara from Corner Brook, Nfld., to obtain a college diploma which would complement his previous retail experience.

Asked why he chose the Co-op program at Niagara, Mr. Coleman said, "It is an excellent college and program. The Co-op experience enabled me to understand the procedures that I will need in my new job as assistant buyer for a retail food chain in Stephenville, Nfld."

Monster Mash Halloween Dance

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the 25th anniversary social committee will hold the Monster Mash Halloween dance in the Welland campus cafeteria.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up in costume and bring a carved pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded. Classic Sounds will provide the music.

The dance is from 8 p.m to 1 a.m. Cost is $7 per person.

Students may purchase tickets at the Student Administrative Council office in After Hours. Staff may purchase tickets from the following people: Kerry Nicholls, Lucy Riolino, Joanne Miani, Nicki Howcroft, Sandy Brooks, Marlene Cain, Welland campus; Helen Tatarnic, St. Catharines campus; Barbara Fonfara, Hospitality and Tourism Centre; Susan Hall, Mack Centre; Tom Ball, Horticultural Centre; Noreen Crowley, Mount Carmel; or Corrine Perenack, Ventures Centre.

Accounting graduate gets 3 college awards

Dianna Hayslip, three-year accounting-academic graduate of 1991, is the recipient of three Niagara College awards: the Faculty Award for Year Three in Accounting-Academic, the award for Business Administration Accounting, and the Rolene Nastasiuk Memorial Award.

Ms. Hayslip, featured as a mature student in the final edition of last year's Niagara News, works for the Ministry of Labor in St. Catharines, Clara Casucci-Mcleod, accounting co-ordinator at the college, said.

Horticultural Centre faces student increase

While the Horticultural Centre is coping with an increase in enrolment, preparations for the centre's annual open house have already begun.

This year "the building is full," said Tom Ball, program co-ordinator. There are 57 first-year students attending the campus compared to last year's 47. The second-year class consists of 30 students and there is an increase in part-time students.

Mr. Ball said there is difficulty with class sizes and classroom availability. The library is being used as a classroom in the small building which is well over 100 years old.

A lot of co-ordination must be done concerning the number of practical labs and the sharing of equipment he said.

However, the increased enrolment is not hindering preparations for the centre's annual open house.

The major show, to be held in March, is an event where the public can visit the Niagara Street facility and talk with students.

Mr. Ball said the annual show is usually well attended. "People look forward to it," he said. "It's very well known."

Students have started planting bulbs and propagating plant materials for the event. They will initiate their own ideas for different displays.

Pictures of last year's event adorn the bulletin board in the conference room. Over 5,000 people attended the open house to view pool garden displays and exhibits of herbs and floral designs. Guests had an opportunity to purchase plants and visit the coffee and donut room which always has an interesting theme.

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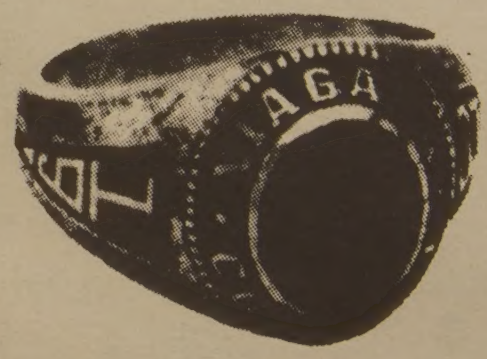

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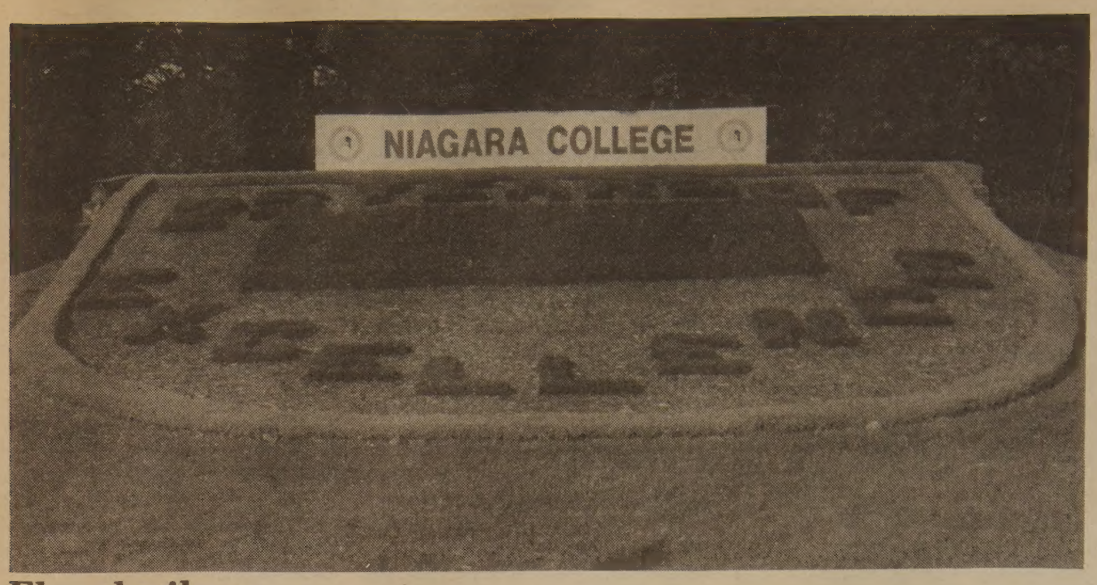

Floral tribute

The 25th anniversary flower garden, planted by the Parks and Recreation Department in St. Catharines, is one of many ways Niagara College is showing its 25 years of pride. The garden is located at the corner of Niagara Street and Carlton Street in St. Catharines.

Photo by Joel Naphin

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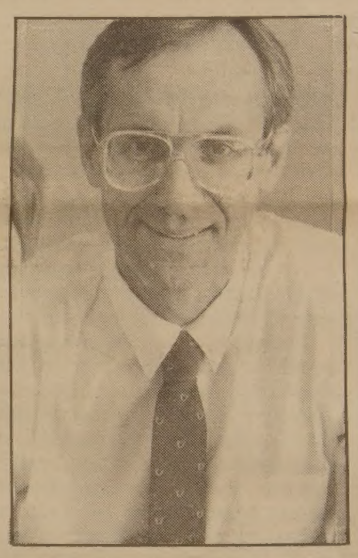
Cuts

To college grants

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

Ontario's New Democratic Party government has announced Niagara College will receive $109,000 less than expected in provincial grants for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Treasurer Floyd Laughren has cut $600-million from the province's budget including a 0.5 per cent reduction in operating grants for all universities as well as Ontario's 23 community colleges. The province considered this "clawback" as a necessary alternative to exceeding its announced $9.7-billion deficit.



HANS VAN DER SLAGT

Hans van der Slagt, Niagara College's vice-president of administration, said the college will be forced to make up the difference either by generating new revenue or by reducing spending. He added revenue generation is the preferable alternative but admitted details have not been finalized.

Transfer payment reductions will occur late in the college's fiscal year which ends March 31, 1992. No immediate spending cuts are anticipated.

Mr. van der Slagt said this is the first time in 17 years at Niagara College that he can recall a funding reduction after the province had announced its proposed transfer payments. While he said he's not pleased with the news, he remains optimistic that it will not affect the college significantly.

"We feel there are a number of things happening that are benefitting the college in terms of extra revenue. It appears we'll be on target despite this clawback. We'll be able to absorb (it)."

Financial officers from all the province's colleges met in North Bay earlier this month with a representative from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. Mr. van der Slagt said college officials have a familiarity and respect for the financial difficulties the province is facing and appreciate they are dealing with unusual constraints.

"The government has been very careful to be open with its difficulties," he said, adding that as a result of open communications with the province, the college had been anticipating some kind of provincial cuts for two to three months. This knowledge helped the college prepare possible alternatives in advance.

The provincial government has indicated that reducing college transfer payments is preferred to adjusting the amount of aid available to students through the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

The province claims to have spent more than planned on fighting forest fires, teacher pensions, farm aid, and welfare programs designed to assist natives, women, people with disabilities and laid off workers. These unplanned expenditures are part of the reason for the spending modifications.

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Grant restraints outlined in letter

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

A top Niagara College administrator said he sees no immediate change to the college's expansion goals although the province announced last week a $3.6-million overall funding cutback divided among the 23 Ontario colleges.

Barnard Baril, vice-chairman of the Niagara College board of governors and chairman of the executive committee, said "the numbers are not exorbitant," referring to a letter received by the college from Richard Allen, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, who outlined new financial restraint proposals including the transfer payment cuts to colleges.

Divided equally, the loss in transfer payments to each college will be about $150,000, but there will be no effect until after the beginning of the next fiscal year, the letter said. Mr. Baril said the fiscal year for Niagara College begins March 31, 1992. "I don't see any cuts to programs or services at the college at the moment," he said.

Mr. Baril said in view of the recent announcement it is too early to specify any countermeasures the college may take to offset the financial loss, but the province's action "will mean higher costs for us . . . but I am confident college management will handle it well."

"I see this as a gesture by the province to show the need for restraint in every segment of the Ontario economy. I don't think the cuts (in funding) will be too deep," Mr. Baril said.

"This is the type of thing we'll have to cope with, we'll have to work harder. The plans for continued college expansion, especially the new St. Catharines campus, haven't changed," he said.

Mr. Baril said the "severe economic situation" and the "most stubborn recession" in Ontario resulting in a $9.7-billion deficit has left the government no choice but to announce budget cuts of about $200 million.

"Trimming the budget is about the only sensible thing they (the government) can do right now."

Mr. Baril said he attended a meeting in Toronto last week where Premier Bob Rae met with college officials to discuss the province's economic woes. Mr. Rae encouraged colleges to make efforts to raise their own private revenues, as Niagara College does through the Niagara College Foundation. He said the province does not intend to turn its back on education.

"He (Mr. Rae) said the colleges are the backbone of the economy," Mr. Baril said. "The premier is trying hard to control the economic downturn," but added, "the NDP were surprised by what they adopted," referring to the deficit, which grew to $10.6-billion from the near zero the Liberals announced before last year's provincial election.

"The premier encouraged colleges to continue to grow and to expand," Mr. Baril said.

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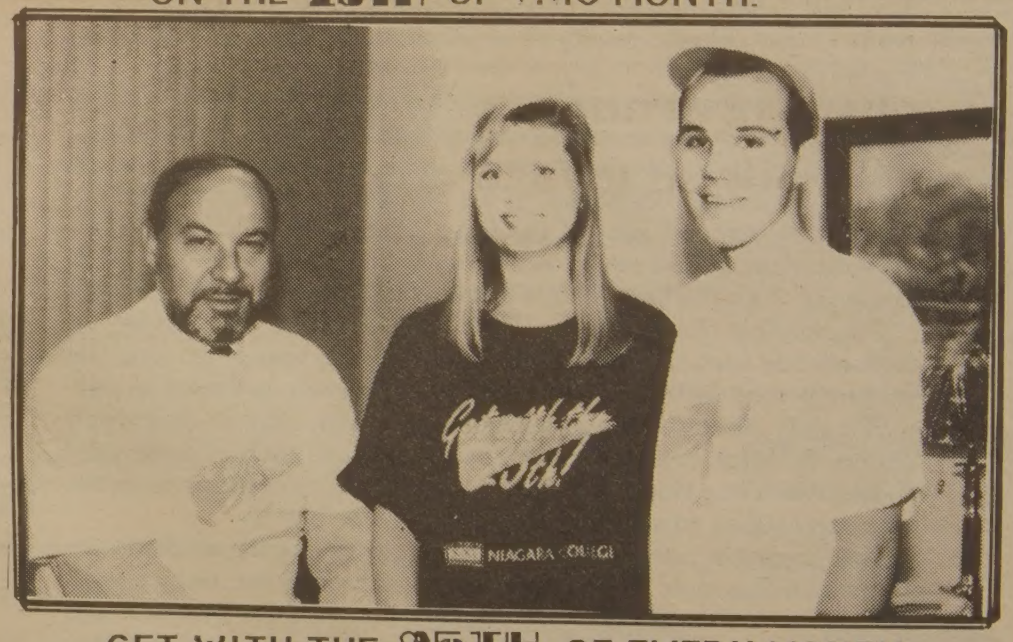

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Editorials

Cuts cause concern

Fellow students, we are not alone in this economic dilemma.

The New Democratic provincial government has announced budget cuts for Ontario colleges and universities. Exactly $3,634,132 has been cut from the 23 colleges of applied arts and technology.

Niagara College's loss will be approximately $110,000.

Money is the catalyst for Niagara's continuation or demise. Attempting to follow the processes involved in guiding the college through these difficult times is complex.

Administrators profess to have the situation under control yet emphasize expansion. Do these expansionist policies unnecessarily strain the college financially or lead to eventual budget suppression?

Niagara College students seem either oblivious to the realities of this institution or try to discover what motivates the policy makers.

Uncertainties revolve around faculty negotiations. Are administrators genuinely focused on the well-being of students, or rather the security of their present positions?

We are not alarmists. We want only the satisfaction of earning an education free of hassles of faculty strike or program cuts. May rational heads prevail.

Mark Denis

Benches disappear

Pull up a slab of concrete. It seems to be the only thing available to seat our tired bones upon while eating, socializing or just plain resting.

The benches, plentiful in number last year, have disappeared. The intent, it seems, is to force the students to wander toward After Hours. The state of disrepair of the benches seemed to take them to the point of being deemed garbage. Even so, at least the students had them, and not only that, the students used them.

Now what happens to those students who once used the benches? Those students are left standing. In the mini-cafeteria, you can buy food and drinks; however, there is nowhere to sit down and eat. In point of fact, there should be seating where there is food being served.

Instead, college personnel have taken our benches away. If they had to throw away our seating arrangements, they should have gotten us more, or at least conferred with us. Now, students grumble and complain and eat standing up. We want our benches back!

Even if food isn't part of the issue, there is still nowhere to sit and socialize. Socialization is left to the lounges and the stairs in the foyer. And the benches are left to rot at the dump. Is this fair?

Considering the students didn't have a say in the matter, all fairness has been eliminated. Had the students voted on it, and the majority were in favor of removing the benches, it would be fair.

The only place to sit and socialize now, with regular chairs and tables, is After Hours. Consequently, because each student paid money for After Hours, it would seem only fair that they have the right to choose whether or not they wish to use it.

If they choose not to exercise their right to use the student centre, which they paid for, where then do they sit to eat, talk or rest?

The answer: the dump. That's where they put our benches, and if they expect us to sit anywhere other than their designated areas, it would be there, in the dump with our unfortunate, but not forgotten, benches.

Lynn Drapeau

Letters to the Editor

Institutions vicitimized

An Open Letter to Students and Faculty

Ontario is in the midst of a recession; 250,000 jobs have been lost. A million of our fellow citizens are dependent on social assistance or unemployment insurance. And we've also had to face additional expenses, like $53 million to fight forest fires, that couldn't have been planned for.

I am writing today to let you know that the government is adjusting its spending for the current year to meet its responsibilities and to tell you how Ontario colleges and universities will be affected.

The Treasurer, on Oct. 2, announced that Ontario will not exceed its announced deficit. To make that happen, all ministries must contribute to the effort. That is how it should be. In the case of my ministry, there are really only two large programs and therefore, only two choices for adjustment: either we reduce the amount of financial aid available to students through the Ontario Student Assistance Program, or we reduce transfer payments to the institutions.

Because of my profound commitment to making a college or university education available to every qualified student, I will not reduce access to OSAP. The funds available for student assistance, therefore, will be left intact.

I should also mention at this point that a number of programs we've initiated during the past 12 months to promote accessibility for natives, women, people with disabilities and laid-off workers, will also continue in full force.

The adjustments, therefore, must be made in operating grants. This will mean a reduction of $9,162,569 in operating grants to universities and a $3,634,132 reduction in operating grants to colleges of applied arts and technology.

Because your administration has planned its expenditures this year in relation to the announced transfer grant, I will arrange to have the reduction occur at the end of the fiscal year, when it can be absorbed with the least difficulty.

These are hard times and to get through them we all have to do our part. It is my hope that you will join with us in trying to find ways to live with the change I am announcing without slowing down the progress you are making towards quality and equity in higher education.

Richard Allen
Minister

Henry's helpful hints

By HENRY KOBELKA

There may well be as many reasons for your coming to college as there are students this year! Each person has his or her story. Each story is unique. The alarming reality, though, is that there will be dozens of students who leave Niagara before completing what it is they set out to do. Why does that happen?

Those who leave may have had great expectations built around the images and desires of others. Perhaps financial problems will have accumulated into a crisis by mid-semester. Stress from study, anxiety about tests, and fear of failure may well be key factors. Dropping out of college, in any case, is a real phenomenon for many people.

What follows below are some letters which are linked to this dropping out issue. There are as many reasons for leaving school as there are for starting in the first place, probably.

Dear Henry:

I've been here less than a month and I'm against the wall. I've got six teachers in all. Four of them are great. They like what they're teaching and they seem to like us. But two of them are not so great. In fact, one of them is fried. But I've got him for my key course and I can't fail it or I'm fried too, but in another sense. So how do I get around this guy?

Fried but not cooked.

Dear Fried but not cooked:

You need to check out inside yourself what it is you're really feeling about the teacher whom you describe as "fried". If you dig deep you might get a better handle on what it is that he is triggering in you that is making you uncomfortable in his class. What worries me is that you might soon set yourself up to fail and that need not happen. First, talk over your anxiety with a few of your classmates whom you trust. Secondly, make an appointment to see the teacher and let him know what you're feeling and why. The key here is to "process" what's going on inside you before you do get cooked to a crisp in your course.

Dear Henry:

I'm very interested in this girl in my program. I asked her to have a drink at AFTER HOURS and she turned me down flat. Now I'm embarrassed just to see her in class, let alone ask her out again. In fact, I've skipped two classes already just to avoid her.

Done-in Don Juan.

Dear Done-in:

What's going on here is that you don't really know the young woman you're so attracted to. Nevertheless, like all of us who experience the chemistry of physical and emotional attraction, you probably projected on to her all kinds of "images" of what you figure to be an attractive woman. So, it's tough enough when you've got an investment in a person to make yourself vulnerable to that person and then get rejected. Your self-esteem takes a nose-dive. The key here is to let go the projection. She may have another relationship. She may not be attracted to you. She, too, may be embarrassed about having shot you down. My guess, though, is that she didn't shoot you down as dramatically in real life as you have "felt" in your inner self that she did. Take a little break from keeping the rejection feelings warm. Ask someone else out.

Write to Henry Kobelka c/o S212, Welland Campus. Any topic. Anytime.

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Correction

Incorrect information appeared in the Niagara News edition of Friday, Sept. 27 on page 6 in the story "After Hours pub a welcome addition". After Hours' satellite television receives MTV according to manager Donna Flutur.

Mrs. Flutur is the only manager of After Hours. Cutline information identifying Karl Anselstetter as a student manager was incorrect. He is one of three student managers of the Student Centre Management Committee.

In a report on page 11, "Sports: on and off campus", the discount sub sandwich coupon was for 15 per cent off. Incorrect information appeared Sept. 27.

Upcoming off campus sports events outlined by Christopher Smith, Student Administrative Council vice-president athletics, were "ideas only" and not confirmed events, he said.

Students collaborate for TV

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

Three Niagara College departments are collaborating, for the first time, to produce 15 half-hour segments to be aired on cable 10.

Three journalism-print students, Joel Naphin, Diana Harris and Carol Kersteman, write the scripts in broadcast style and give them to the broadcast, radio, television and film students, including Gino Difilippo, Karl Anselstetter and Trevor Worthy, who then do voice-overs, film and edit the material. On-air personalities are Karen Steele and Roberta Romano. The first program aired Monday.

Keith Lindberg, media department manager and program producer, said, "It's the first product and I'd say everyone came through with flying colors."

Although it was the first of 15 programs, Mr. Lindberg said he is confident the year will "show some growth in all of us in terms of working together."

Adjustments were made to smooth the program. One of these was the different broadcast-style writing techniques learned by the journalism-print students. "They're doing quite well in it," Mr. Lindberg said.

Mr. Difilippo, a third-year film student, said he enjoys the work. "Right now, we've only done one show, so we're just getting to know each other, but it's a blast."

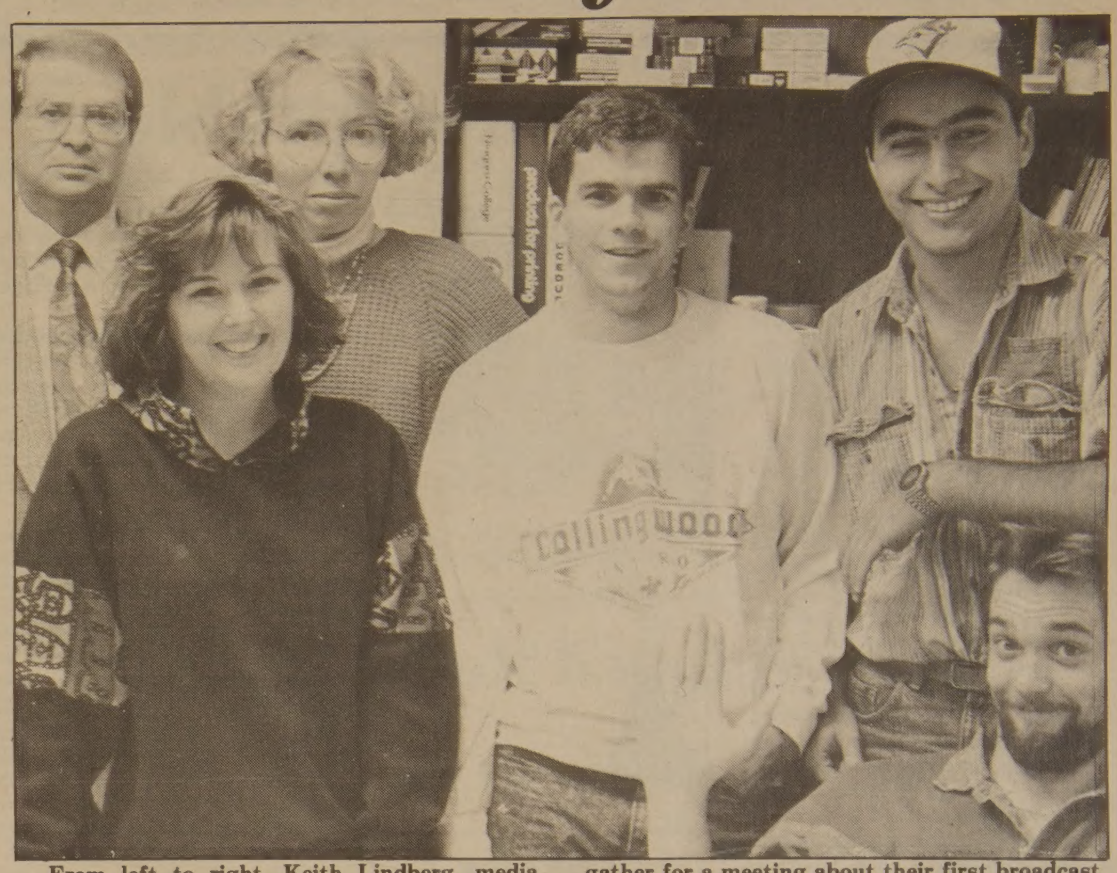
Mr. Difilippo, employed at cable 10, applauded the good job experience. Despite a lot of work with no pay and no extra marks provided, "it's experience you can put down on a resume." It's helpful, he said.

Mr. Lindberg said it's the first time any real co-operation has occurred between the journalism and the broadcasting students. He said he sees that fact as something "we can expand on in probably a more formal way."

About the television program, Mr. Lindberg said he hopes "if this year works out, it'll become a regular program from year to year."

Thanksgiving, on Oct. 14, cancelled that day's program. However, for Oct. 21, there will be features on the vice-president of Ventures, Dan Patterson, and sports at Niagara College. The program will consist of promotional material on the Hospitality and Tourism Centre and the Horticultural School. There will be a Student Administrative Council report and a weekly student activities report included.

Upcoming programs include, on Nov. 4, a half-hour dedicated to China and Niagara College people who have been there, and on Nov. 25, a feature on continuing education. Programs will end in February.



From left to right, Keith Lindberg, media teacher; Carol Kersteman, Diana Harris, Joel Naphin, all journalism-print students; Gino Difillipo and Karl Anselstetter, film students, gather for a meeting about their first broadcast program on cable 10.

Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Film students pacified

Change is inevitable, even expected. However, it is an unusual occurrence when a program name changes even though the program itself hasn't.

That's the situation in Niagara College's Broadcast, Radio, Television and Film department. Originally, the name was BRTV, Broadcast, Radio and Television. The name has changed to accommodate the film section of the program — thus. BRTVF.

"We've been teaching film since 1972," co-ordinator Larry Taylor said. But film has only begun to be a "more integral" part of what the program has been teaching over the past five or 10 years.

Oliver Schmid, 20, a third-year student in the film program, said he feels, "it's about time." He was "surprised that the administration or Larry Taylor didn't acknowledge film sooner."

Stu Black, a second- and third-year radio instructor, said he thought, "Our film guys were just neglected by the program. It was an oversight."

Jeff Stevens, a second-year film student, said he felt "the title was misleading."

Changing the name took almost three years. "To get those things changed, there are so many levels that you're dealing with," Mr. Black said.

Mr. Taylor first had to convince various college committees the program was not being altered, only the name. Then, the Ministry of Colleges had to be convinced.

Fuelling the change were graduates wanting "film" on their diplomas.

"So we went ahead and had it changed," said Mr. Taylor.

New satellite dish at college

A new $4,500 satellite dish adorns the roof of Niagara College this year above classrooms used by Broadcast Radio, Television and Film students and faculty.

Received through the satellite, along with The Sports Network, is an audio channel, a Standard Broadcast News voice service and a teletype service. "We had to get the voice service for our students to be able to use the voice service that comes over the radio stations," co-ordinator Larry Taylor said. "We had to modernize."

The satellite dish takes a voice clip from any part of the world, Standard Broadcast News processes it and broadcasts it for all stations across Canada subscribing to the service, Mr. Taylor said.

"We've been trying to get a voice service for quite a while and it's the use of the satellite dish in connection with Standard Broadcast News that made it possible," he said.

With the dish, new computers are coming to help process the incoming information. "We computerized the newsrooms last year with the VAX, (College computer network) which worked out really well," Mr. Taylor said. "What we're doing is carrying it one step further now and having a complete stand-alone unit."

By spending extra money on the satellite dish and computers, the college is saving money, Mr. Taylor said. "We'll be able to save $1,000 on teletype paper alone," using computers instead. Normally, there are "reams and reams" of teletype paper piled up behind the machines.

"If the computers were hooked up right now, all that material would be on the computer," he said. The information from the satellite dish would go directly into the computer and store there until the students are ready to process it. They can then re-write the stories or make changes without touching any paper.

Apart from saving money over the long-run, the satellite and new computers bring the program "up-to-date with what's happening with the newsrooms and radio stations across the country," Mr. Taylor said. "We're trying to keep in step with the industry."

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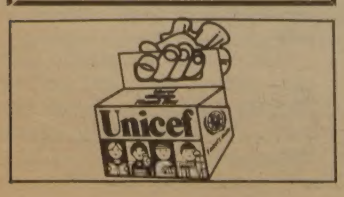

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Entertainment

Reading levels acceptable

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

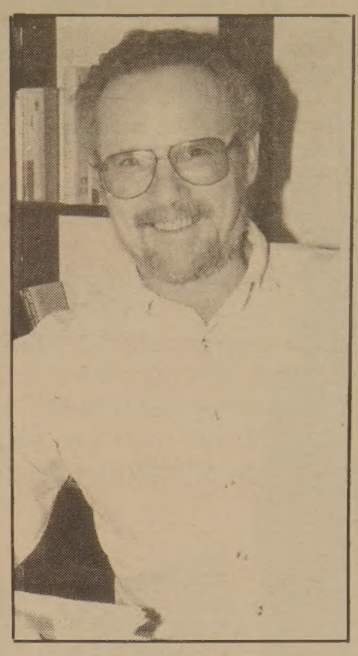
The average reading level of Niagara College students disproves some common assertions that college and university students have lower literacy levels than they should have.

Gary Webb, co-ordinator of the college's English department, said statistics gathered from yearly reading level tests clearly disprove newspaper stories that report dismal literacy at the college level.

"The average reading level here has been bang on where it should be, since 1969," said Mr. Webb.

He based his statement on results of the Nelson-Denny reading test, and previous reading tests that first-year students have taken since 1967. The most recent test was standardized to accurately report the examinee's reading level according to the month of the grade he appears to have achieved.

Reading skills tests' results report the average reading levels at Niagara College have remained in the grade 12 range since the college's opening in 1967. The test shows the 1990 average reading level was the third month of grade 12.



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This statistic, however, only measures students entering college. It ignores students exempted from English 100 (Basic College English) because they've completed a previous university or college English course, or have achieved an average of 60 per cent or better in an Ontario Academic Credit course.

By excluding students who are past their first year at Niagara College, and students exempt from the test, the reading level statistic reports an average reading level lower than that of the entire population of students at the college.

"If all students were to be factored in, the statistic would be much higher," confirmed Mr. Webb.

Many textbooks used at the college are routinely evaluated for readability. Results show most fall within the grade 10 to 12 range. Textbooks requiring drastically higher reading levels are usually removed from the curriculum. However, publications requiring minimal comprehension levels aren't always upgraded.

Although general population surveys, like the 1989 Statistics Canada study on literacy, often report the average reading level approximates primary school ability, legitimate college and university entrance tests have shown higher comprehension levels.

Doctor's Dilemma

'Excellent production'

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

It isn't often one has the privilege of viewing a play which has so much to offer in terms of its content and articulation. *The Doctor's Dilemma*, by Bernard Shaw, is such a play.

The Doctor's Dilemma, playing at the Festival Theatre till Oct. 13, deals with the ethical and moral issues facing the medical profession in the early 20th century. Issues such as whether or not a doctor should have the right to choose who lives or dies and whether or not money should be a major factor in deciding which patient is to receive treatment, if treatment at all — issues which still affect the medical profession today.

The play is an excellent production. The setting was luxurious — the lighting was precise; however, the performance of its cast was not so enchanting.

The performances by Maggie Huculak, who played Jennifer Dubedat, and Greg Morris, who played The Newspaper Man, were disappointing. More often than once, throughout the play, Ms. Huculak was regurgitating her lines as though she were in a hurry to leave. As for Mr. Morris, his performance as a newspaper man was not only insulting but he managed to invent a new accent never before heard.

Michael Ball, on the other hand, gave a spectacular performance as Sir Colenso Ridgeon, the wealthy and intelligent doctor who must choose between saving a colleague's life, or the life of a "scoundrel". The real star of this performance, without any doubt, was Pat Armstrong, who plays Emmy — Sir Golenso Ridgeon's housekeeper and secretary. She embodied her role with expertise and delicate precision. Steven Sutcliffe, who plays Louis Dubedat, and Richard Farrell, who plays Sir Patrick Cullen are two other cast members who make *The Doctor's Dilemma* a play worth going to see, regardless of its own minor dilemmas.

For ticket information on plays at Shaw Festival contact the box office at 468-2172. Student prices are available for specific matinees.

Movie review

The Super bland

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

When an uncaring, ruthless landlord turns into a caring, lovable landlord in the midst of his crumbling building, the end result can only be a totally unbelievable, corny movie with the occasional funny spot.

Louie Kriski, played by Joe Pesci, is that landlord in *The Super*. Although Joe Pesci is a fantastic actor in this movie, the plot, if you could call it that, does not do him justice.

When Louie is sentenced by a judge to live in an apartment of his own buidling because of his housing code violations, Louie takes the situation to heart. He is ordered to leave only for food, emergencies or to make changes to the apartments, his excluded.

However, leaving becomes a little difficult when he awakens on his first morning as superintendent and finds only half of the frame of his shiny red corvette left on the street. When he approaches it and leans on it, his car alarm goes off. His tenants ridicule him mercilessly. Within that scene is a definite spark of humor — unfortunately, one of the few.

Over the film's duration, Louie is repeatedly scammed by Marlin, a tenant in his building, at $200 a shot. After a few times, and a few necessary repairs to the building such as electricity and heating, he gradually becomes accepted and respected by the tenants.

All this time, a romance is budding. Only, the romance isn't as much romantic as it is raunchy. Every time Louie met with Naomi Bensinger, the housing authority lawyer who got him convicted, played by Madolyn Smith Osborne, he offered himself through lewd sexual comments. It's a crude attempt at humor that doesn't work.

Of course, Naomi is disgusted by his obscene interest in her, but then, quite out of the blue, her interest changes. She actually warms up to the nasty slum-lord. How this happens is a mystery both to the audience and to Louie.

The most unrealistic parts enter with Louie's father, Big Lou, played by Vincent Gardenia. The part is played perfectly. Again, here is a case of the actor being better than his role.

Big Lou is the meanest of the mean. He actually, at one point in the movie, goes so far as to almost burn down an entire building filled with people just to get it condemned. Louie discovers what is happening and is filled with disappointment in his dad for the first time in his life. "Don't you understand?" he asks Big Lou. "There's kids in there."

Consequently, Big Lou, who had previously threatened to remove his son from his mult-million dollar will if he renovated the building in any way, learns his lesson and embraces his son. It's a tender moment indeed.

Does this stuff actually happen in real life? It's doubtful. However, movies are meant to be entertainment, and this movie is nothing more than just that. It is a passable movie for those who want nothing more than 1½-hours of tolerable amusement. If you're looking for hoots of laughter or buckets of tears, this movie is not the place to find them. It's too bad. With those actors, the movie had potential.

Around town

Film — *The Seventh Seal*, Igmar, Bergman, Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m., Brock University, 688,5550.
Concert — *Iraina Neufeld*, soprano, with John Hess, piano, Friday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Brock University, 688-5550.
Ballet — *National Ballet of Canada*, Brock University, Oct. 24, 688,5550; Niagara Falls Collegiate, Oct. 25, 356-4538.
Theatre — *Dougie Goes to Town*, Tugboat Productions, Oct. 25, 8 p.m., Lakeshore Catholic High School, Port Colborne 834-9821.
Live Bands — *Harem Scarem*, Oct. 11, Uncle Sam's, Niagara Falls.
— *White Frost*, Oct. 11, 12, The Hideaway, St. Catharines.
— *Rumor Hazit*, Oct. 11, 12, Windjammer, Port Colborne.
— *The Limit*, Oct. 11, 12, Sun Dance Niteclub, Niagara Falls.
— *Big Bun and the Sausages*, Oktoberfest party, Oct. 11, 12, Smart Alex Bar and Grill and Bar, Thorold.
Comedians — *Jeremy Hotz, Lynda Kinarsky*, Oct. 11, 12, 13; *Mike MacDonald*, Oct. 27, Yuk Yuk's, Niagara Falls.

Ballerina's return

Karen Kain will be the featured principal for the world premiere of The National Ballet of Canada The Concert Group on Thursday, Oct. 24 at Brock Centre for the Arts.

Ms. Kain will be partnered with Peter Ottmann for the premeire of Christopher House's work **"Cafe Dances"**, to be performed one night only in The Playhouse at Brock.

Ms. Kain has not performed at Brock since 1979, but in May, 1990 she received an honorary degree from Brock University, making this return a type of homecoming.

Two St. Catharines natives will return to perform on the same program. Jeremy Ransom will dance **"The White Swan Pas de Deux from Swan Lake"** with Margaret Illman, and Nicholas Khan will dance in **"Concerto for Flute and Harp"**.

Tickets are available from The Box Office, Brock Centre for the Arts at 688-5550, ext. 3257. Ticket prices are $20 for adults, $18 for students, seniors and Brock alumni, and $10 for youths, 17 and under.

The Concert Group's performance is a part of Stepping Out: A Community Outreach and Educational Project, which will take place for a week at various locations in the Niagara Region.

SAC upcomings

The Student Administrative Council has declared the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 16 Safe Sex Night. To celebrate this sobering theme, Madonna's controversial *Truth or Dare* video will be screened, for free, at After Hours. Lucky viewers can also receive a number of related prizes.

For Halloween, the cult film classic, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* will launch the costume party at After Hours. There will be no cover charge for the Oct. 31 festivities, but party goers must sign up in advance because only pre-registered people will be allowed entry.

After Hours' official grand opening is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 25. Dignitaries Peter Kormos, Welland-Thorold MPP, and John Saso, Niagara College president, will be present for the ribbon cutting ceremonies. Students and staff are invited to After Hours to join in celebrations between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Entertainment includes music and allusionist David Ben who performs with small groups.

Buffet dinners

The 25th Anniversary committee is having Friday night buffets at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Dates are Fridays, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 22 and Dec. 13.

The buffets will be prepared by second-year culinary skills students and chef Mary Moore.

Each evening will start at 6 p.m. with a champagne reception followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

Cost is $25 per person (reception, dinner, tax, and gratuity). Tickets must be reserved in advance by contacting Beverly Williams at 87-602.

Niagara places third in touch football

Offensive fumbles and "butter fingers" were key elements for two losses in three games for Niagara's intercollegiate touch football team at the West Regional Touch Football playoffs.

Niagara, Mohawk, George Brown, and Lambton Colleges competed in last Saturday's tournament, held at Norm Perry Park in Sarnia.

Niagara lost the first game to Mohawk 13-2. In the second game, Niagara fell one point short of a victory, defeated 8-7 by Lambton.

In the final game, Niagara doubled George Brown 12-6.

Mohawk placed first overall, with Lambton second, and Niagara third.

"We dropped the ball about 15 times in the three games we played," Niagara's athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander said. "But our defence played well. We only allowed four touchdowns in those games."

IEEE third Golf Day attracts good crowd

High winds and threatening rain clouds didn't stop the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Third Annual Golf Day on Oct. 5.

Herb Hill, student branch chairman, said 40 golfers attended the event at Garden City Municipal Golf Course in St. Catharines. Participants included executive members of the student branch, technology faculty and students and their friends. Last year's student branch chairman, Trevor Burns, came to join the activities. Mr. Burns, who is working at Gerrie Electric in Burlington, is the new vice-chairman of the IEEE Hamilton section.

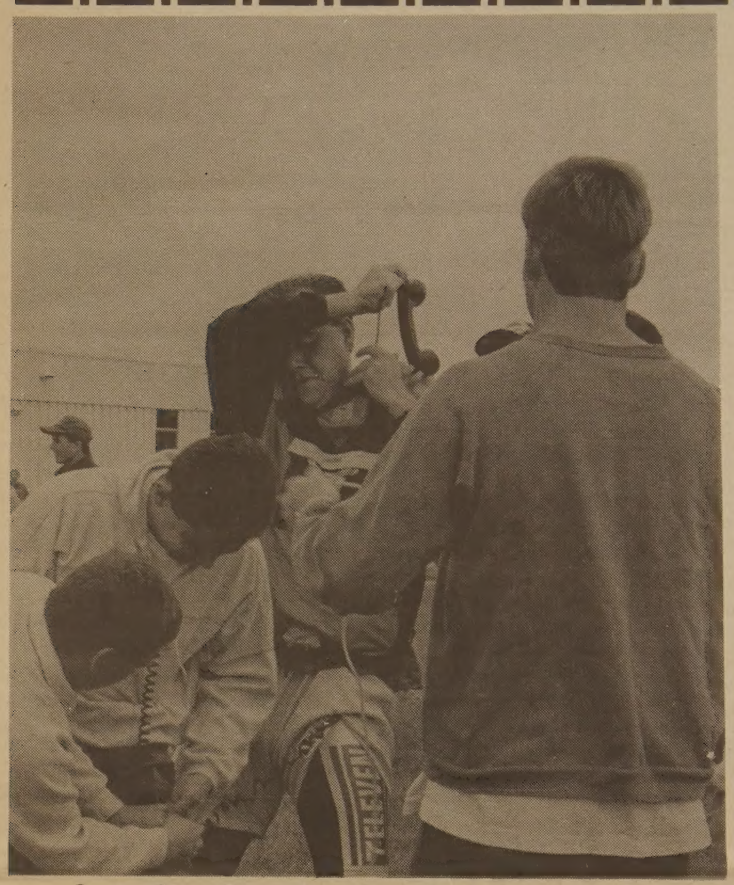
For the first time, Mr. Hill said two female technology students participated at Golf Day. Marilyn Box, student branch secretary, and Colleen Shaw, a first-year technology student, joined the game. "It was quite a step for them," he said.

Mr. Hill said "everyone had a great time... there were more prizes than people." Prizes included computer supplies donated by local businesses, gift certificates for free dinners at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, and free video rentals from Jumbo Video.

Following the game, a luncheon was held at Eddy's in Old Port, Port Dalhousie.

Mr. Hill said the student branch is already planning to hold the "Third-and-a-Half Annual Golf Day" in the spring.

Sports



Law and security students hurriedly thread the telephone cord through their clothes in the first of four competitions, the telephone game, in the LASA Olympics held Monday.
Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Splatball

If you would like to put yourself through a survival test, while attempting to humiliate a few Brock University students, here is your chance.

Christopher Smith, the Student Administrative Council's vice-president of athletics, has organized a splatball competition, pitting 50 Brock students against 50 Niagara College students. Mr. Smith is still recruiting interested warriors for the tentatively scheduled Oct. 27 battle.

Splatball simulates warfare, usually with two groups stalking each other or the opponent's flag. Participants are equipped with safety goggles and a carbon dioxide powered gun that shoots harmless paint wads.

The battlefield covers 50 acres of land near Port Robinson, half of which is forest while the other half is dense bush.

With a 50-member team, each player can expect to pay approximately $35, which also pays for an all-you-can-eat, all-day barbecue.

Golf Knights third in two-day event

Rainy weather did not hamper the Niagara Knights intercollegiate golf team's third place win in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships last week.

The four-man team finished behind the victorious Mohawk College Mountaineers and Fleming College Knights. Twelve Ontario colleges participated in the two-day event held Oct. 3 and 4 at Lakeridge Links Golf Club in Whitby.

Niagara's Chris Wilson shot 77 and 78 respectively, and received third place honors for the top single player score, with 155.

David Morris shot 84 and 87 in the two days, Scott Currie shot 96 and 84, and Ric Carbone totalled 86 and 96.

"We had a good second day, especially," Peter Rylander, Niagara's athletic co-ordinator and golf coach, said. "It was the best tournament we've had in five or six years."

Law and Security: Olympics 'lot of fun'

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

The Law and Security program's annual Olympics, held last Monday, found a group of almost 100 students hooting and hollering through the day's events of telephone, pass the message, balloon toss and fill-the-bucket.

"Last year, it poured rain from the beginning to the end," said Cathy Gillis, Law and Security program co-ordinator. "It was very cold and very wet. We still went ahead, but today we're hoping that those clouds don't start raining on us."

Ted Armstrong, a second-year student, commented last year was "cold, colder than this," but despite that, "it's going to be a lot of fun."

For all the students' enthusiasm, there was one unanimous complaint. "It's not as athletic this year," said Nathan Majors, a second-year student. He thought the reason was "so that people don't have an excuse to say they don't want to go."

Allan Todd, a second-year student, said he missed last year's Olympics because of illness. He was looking forward to "the after part of pizza."

Fifteen teams participated with the first- and second-year students combined, "so that they get to meet each other," Ms. Gillis said. The program is so large students have no way of meeting. "So this takes a few (students) from each section and each year...so that they get to know each other," she said.

The annual event began five years ago. Bruce Milligan, who was the Law and Security program's co-ordinator for roughly 20 years, initiated it Ms. Gillis said.

Knights in training

The 1991-1992 Niagara Knights hockey season is slowly getting under way as Coach Fred Bassi has been putting team hopefuls through vigorous training the last two weeks.

The Monday and Wednesday night workouts in the Welland Main Arena find skaters split into different color teams playing scrimmage games. The practices give the coach a chance to evaluate the players.

Mr. Bassi will be making his selection decisions in the next week.

Niagara Knights travel to Wheatfield for an exhibition game on Oct. 18. The team will play in Welland on Saturday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 26.

Fred Bassi

Knights hockey coach commands respect, gets it

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

When you cross ex-football player Dick Butkus and hockey coach Pat Burns, you get Niagara Knights hockey coach Fred Bassi.

Like Butkus, Mr. Bassi has an intimidating physical presence. He commands a sense of respect and gets it. The Pat Burns side is in his ability to take a group of young hockey players and make them winners by season's end.

For the past 22 years, Mr. Bassi has been coaching the hockey teams of Niagara College. He teaches physical education into the Law and Security program.

Hockey has been a big part of Mr. Bassi's life. Since he was five years old, he has been on the ice. He played hockey in the Catholic Youth League in Niagara Falls, Ont. and for the local Junior B team.

University

The next level of hockey was playing for Boston University. While there he earned All American Honors for his 1965-1966 season. His accomplishments included leading the team in goals and points. In 35 games he scored 30 goals and 29 assists for a total of 65 points — all in his junior year.

As a hockey player for the university's team, he played against Ken Dryden from Cornell and Tony Esposito from Michigan Tech.

When he graduated from the university, he earned a bachelor of science and physical education degree.

Blazer

Mr. Bassi went on to the Boston Bruins' farm team in the Eastern Hockey League, the Syracuse Blazers. As a Blazer, he played with Wayne Cashman, who later went on to play with the Boston Bruins and Donny Marcotte.

Mr. Bassi now plays hockey for the Welland Merchants.

Since 1953, Coach Bassi has been a Montreal Canadiens fan. His favorite players include Maurice 'the Rocket' Richard and Frank Maholovich. Although Maholovich was initially with the Toronto Maple Leafs, he won his Stanley Cup rings with the Canadiens.

Mr. Bassi not only likes to watch baseball, but he used to play slo-pitch. He is a long time Chicago Cub fan and was happy to see Cub great Ferguson Jenkins voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

Unlike many coaches and players, Coach Bassi spends his summer working at a hockey school. He works a week at Penn State University as a hockey instructor. His being the only Canadian there is a plus because it teaches the American boys what real hockey is all about. According to Mr. Bassi, "Canadians are the smartest hockey players in the world." His pro-Canadian stance is very similar to hockey great, Don Cherry.

When the issue of fighting is discussed, Coach Bassi, like Cherry, said he feels "every hockey player should be able to take care of himself." He feels that one of the biggest problems with the game of hockey was the introduction of the face mask. If players wore only a half shield on their face, there would be less hitting from behind and less neck and back injuries, he said.

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Increased salaries top faculty demands

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

The focus of negotiations between Niagara College instructors and Ontario college management is salary, Joan Hastings-Dove, president of local 242 of the Ontario Public Services Employees Union, said.

"The number one issue, for the first time I can recall, is teachers' salary," Ms. Hastings-Dove said.

Representing about 275 college instructors, the union was offered two per cent increases in either wages or benefits over a one-year term of contract in its initial offer. Although Ms. Hastings-Dove said "everyone is feeling the economic pinch," she added, "we know the college's budget contains more than they put on the table."

Carol Boettcher, college vice-president of human resources, and David Schleich, vice-president of academics, were unavailable for comment this week. However, Mrs. Boettcher said earlier "the faculty are beginning to talk money... the parites are back to the table for the teachers." Glenn Pevere, college director of personnel, said he couldn't comment because he was not well versed on the issues.

Ms. Hastings-Dove said negotiations in past contracts have usually focused on non-monetary issues but this year money is the key. "The faculty is concerned that our salaries are less than that of secondary (school) teachers."

"We will be asking for a percentage increase plus a catch-up sum to bring us to the level of Ryerson (Polytechnical Institute)," she said.

Ms. Hastings-Dove said the "feeling across the board was very good" after returning from a Toronto meeting last weekend where the initial offer was discussed.

Free lecture at Brock to mark United Nations Day on Oct. 24

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

Thursday, Oct. 24 is United Nations day around the world. The Welland/Fort Erie chapter of the United Nations Association and a spin-off organization, the World Council for Global Co-operation, are jointly sponsoring a free lecture at Brock University to commemorate the occasion.

The high commissioner of Nigeria to Canada, Aeb Ayani, will be speaking on Nigeria and the UN, while providing an overall African perspective, at 7:30 p.m., in the amphitheatre room 325, in the Thistle building.

Activities

United Nations day activities are being co-ordinated by James Nicholas, an instructor in social sciences at Niagara College, and the international secretary for the World Council for Co-operation. Mr. Nicholas explained the goal for UN day is "to set aside one day of the year to highlight the expansive aims and objectives of the UN which are basically to prevent the scourge of war and promote world peace."

While only a few of the 22 other UN Association chapters across Canada are presenting lectures or offering seminars, Mr. Nicholas said it's important to use this day to create an awareness for UN activities that affect everyone in Canada.

Founder

Mr. Nicholas has been instrumental in promoting UN day in the past. As the founder and former president of the local association chapter he said he has his finger on the pulse of UN missions. Previous speakers he has invited have been the French and Swedish ambassadors to Canada, a Nobel prize winner for medicine, and a Nobel prize winner for peace and chemistry.

John Stack, president for the Welland/Fort Erie United Nations Association, said that although it is an important day, his chapter will not devote too much time organizing events because recognizing the UN is not as important as pursuing its goals.

Delegates

"Blowing our own horn is not on our agenda," said Mr. Stack, adding that "we would rather focus on things like International Women's day or Earth day."

People interested in UN procedures are invited to attend a model United Nations Assembly, Nov. 9-10, in Niagara Falls, at the A. N. Myer Secondary school. The model assembly has already registered 300 delegates from several American states and Canadian provinces.

The model assembly and the Oct. 24 lecture will address the concerns of the international organization on a global and local level.

"The United Nations has identified four major problems in the world that are all interconnected and so the solutions are all interconnected as well," said Mr. Nicholas.

He referred to war and conflict, world poverty, ecological crisis, and violation of human rights.

"The world has become a great armed camp that spends $1 trillion a year on military expenditures," explained Mr. Nicholas, "which equals $2 million per minute, and at the same time, three-quarters of the people of the world are poverty stricken and one-quarter of the people in the world are malnourished."

"The ecological crisis crosses all legal geographical boundaries," said Mr. Nicholas, adding that the expansion of deserts, the erosion of top soil and invasive pollution are global responsibilities rather than those of the countries that suffer most.

Mr. Nicholas said human rights violations, torture, illegal detention, death squads, and genocide, are realities that must be attacked.

He concluded that "we need to create more awareness of these problems which are crying for solutions."

For more information call 687-3647 in St. Catharines, or 734-8888 in Welland.

Fee increase benefits services at college

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Tuition fees are up $60 from last year reported Lucy Riolino, the registrar's records officer, and the increase has some positive effects.

The basic instructional fee for full-time day students is $800, plus additional money depending on materials and expenses for specific programs.

An incidental fee of $241.50 is also levied, from which $80 is a student activity fee, $26.50 goes towards the new student centre, and $135 is a college services fee.

The activity fee is further divided among peer tutoring, $2; orientation and student counselling, $2; Student Administrative Council, $26; and the already successful intramurals, $50.

Besides the students' centre fee, which goes directly towards the new building's mortgage, the tuition increase appears to benefit college services most.

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, describes the remaining $135 as an all-encompassing college services fee, with some very important areas. Obvious changes that utilize the new revenues include the employment of an additional student counsellor for St. Catharines and Niagara Falls campuses, and funds for improving campus services outside Welland.

Another noticeable improvement is the extension of library service by 16 hours per week for the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, the Mack Education Centre and the Horticultural Centre, both in St. Catharines, and the St. Catharines Campus learning resource centre. In Welland, the learning resource centre has employed an additional staff member.

From the $135 college services fee, $10 has been designated as a locker rental fee. An informal survey reveals a minority of students do not have a locker. Although there are several open lockers in the Mackenzie and Black Walnut buildings, access is difficult and inconvenient for students who work primarily in the Tecumseh centre, which has no available lockers. Linda Maidens, of building operations, said lockers that were removed from the Black Walnut building have future homes in Tecumseh, most likely in Merritt. Students who still want a locker must wait for the installation, or hope students who decide to end college early this year will take their locks with them.

The rest of the services is divided depending on changing needs. Such areas include the emergency loan fund, student insurance, identification cards, transcripts, and course outlines.

SAC vp by acclamation

Eric Hitchcock, a second-year business administration student, is the new vice-president executive in the Student Administrative Council.

Mr. Hitchcock was the only qualified applicant to submit nomination papers before the Oct. 4 deadline, eliminating the need for a by-election. He ran unsuccessfully for the post in last year's SAC elections.

The grand opening of After Hours will take place Oct. 25. A reception for invited guests will be held between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. The pub will be closed to students at that time. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., magician David Ben will entertain and the pub will be open to all students.

SAC is presenting *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* Oct. 31 at After Hours. This evening showing will be open only to students wearing special wristbands permitting entry. The bands will be available from the SAC office Oct. 30 and 31 during regular business hours. There will be no tickets at the door.

SAC invites all students to take in an Argo game. SAC is offering a trip to Toronto, tickets to the game and giveaways on Oct. 20. Cost is $18. Details are available at the SAC office.

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